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STOP INSURANCE FRAUD ESSAY COMPETITION WINNERS TO BE HONORED APRIL 29, 2004

The winners of the 2004 Stop Insurance Fraud Essay Competition will be honored in a ceremony at the South Carolina State House on April 29, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. The nineteen 7th and 9-12 grade winners were selected from over 100 entries submitted from all over the state. Students were required to submit essays on the theme "How Does Insurance Fraud Hurt South Carolina Citizens?" The essay competition was held to raise students' understanding of how fraud directly affects South Carolina Citizens and what steps could help stop insurance fraud and abuse.

Along with the Consumer Affairs Administrator, Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston, Attorney General Henry McMaster and Chief Insurance Commissioner Ernst Csiszar have been invited to attend the event. The Stop Insurance Fraud Essay Competition was sponsored by the SC Department of Consumer Affairs, the SC Attorney General's Office, the SC Insurance News Service, South Carolina Workers Compensation, SC Department of Insurance, Carolina's Association of Professional Employer Organization, and South Carolina Insurance Fraud Investigators.

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The winners from the 9-12th grade are:

Olivia Carpenter York Jr. High School Meaghan Champion York Jr. High School Jessica Harvey York Jr. High School Angela Moss York Jr. High School Kimberly Ott Branchville High School Megan Padgett Branchville High School Aubrie Phillips York Jr. High School Mitchell Plyler York Jr. High School Shannon Smoak Branchville High School Natasha Summers Branchville High School

The winners from the 7th grade are:

Corey Allen R.C. Edwards Middle School Talene Armirkhanian R.C. Edwards Middle School Bradneshia Coleman Hunter-Kinard Tyler School Jeuel Davis R.C. Edwards Middle School Megan Jones R.C. Edwards Middle School Kirsten Kaiser R.C. Edwards Middle School Alex Rao R.C. Edwards Middle School Ashley Renee Morgan R.C. Edwards Middle School Kimberly Stiltz Hunter-Kinard Tyler School